STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY AND PLANNING DIVISION

AD HOC CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Office of Policy and Management, Room 2A

Hartford, CT

**Members Present**: *Chairperson Marc Pelka*, Undersecretary, Office of Policy and Management, *Eleanor Michael*, Policy Development Coordinator, Office of Policy and Management, *John Forbes*, Policy Development Coordinator (TWR), Office of Policy and Management, , *Nichole Howe*, Fiscal Administrative Officer, Office of Policy and Management, *Melissa Conway*, Planning Analyst, Office of Policy and Management, *Rollin Cook*, Commissioner, Department of Correction, *Angel Quiros*, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Correction, *Karen Martucci*, Director, Department of Correction, *Nicole Anker*, Legal Director, Department of Correction, *Christine Fortunado*, Grant Manager, Department of Correction, *Liza Andrews*, Director of Public Policy, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, *Christine Rapillo*, Chief Public Defender, Office of the Chief Public Defender, *Gary Roberge*, Executive Director, Judicial Branch, *Brian Foley*, Administration, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, *Cynthia Isales*, Legal Director, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

1. Welcome
   1. The meeting was convened at approximately 10:06am.
   2. Welcome was provided by Chairperson Marc Pelka
2. Introductions
   1. Members present introduced themselves
3. Update on JAG Program/Litigation
   1. Eleanor Michael from OPM provided a brief description of the JAG grant program, stating that this is the main source of criminal justice funding that comes into the unit.

She spoke about the history of the JAG grant in Connecticut and how the size of the grant has reduced significantly since FY2009, when the state received $3.2M plus $12.5M in ARRA money, to today, when the state award for FY2018 was approximately $1.6M.

* 1. She also provided an update on litigation taking place across the country relating to certifications that have been required as a condition of accepting the FY17, FY18 and FY19 JAG grants by Chief Legal Officers and Chief Executive Officers, and how that litigation had delayed the timeline for receipt of these grants. FY17 funds were received by OPM in the spring of 2019.

1. JAG FY19 Application – Goals, Objectives and Priorities
   1. Eleanor Michael from OPM provided an overview of FY19 JAG grant allocation for Connecticut and an explanation of the required set asides from that amount. She described the priorities and objectives listed in the FY19 JAG application and provided an opportunity for feedback on those stated goals. The application is posted on OPM’s Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division’s website and is open for comment until June 16, 2019.
2. Discussion
   1. No objections to the priorities and objectives were stated. Many stakeholders provided feedback on priorities that were of significance to them and suggested possible uses of the funding, such as funding for:
      1. Projects to help address needs of high risk female offenders;
      2. Housing initiatives;
      3. Employment related projects;
      4. Collection of data relating to victims;
      5. Expansion of TPP courts;
      6. Narcan for probation officers; and
      7. Correction officer well-being.

VI. Adjournment

a. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:46am